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PATENT  
Docket No. GC372

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Timothy Fowler et al. )  
Serial No. 08/876,132 )  
Filed: June 23, 1997 )  
For: Improved *Enterobacteriaceae* )  
Fermentation Strains )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider and enter the following comments and amendments in the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

After the title please add the following paragraph:

--FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

BI This invention was made with Government support under Grant No. 70NANB5H1138 awarded by Advanced Technology Program/National Institute of Standards and Technology. The Government has certain rights in this invention.--

REMARKS

The Applicants have amended the specification to reference the government Grant No. 70NANB5H1138. No new matter is added by this amendment.